

Remarks

With entry of the present amendment, claims 11-13 are now pending. Claims 1-10 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite issuance of a patent on the subject matter of allowable claim 11, as discussed below. Applicants reserve the right to present the canceled claims in a continuation of the present application.

The Action objects to some minor informalities of non-substantive nature. The above amendments are intended to address all such objections without altering substance or meaning of the language.

In the Action mailed September 10, 2004, the Office indicates that claim 11 "would be considered allowable if rewritten in independent form." The amended claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of its former base claim. New claims 12 and 13 recite the same language as allowable claim 11, except that they are written in alternate claim formats drawn to separate statutory categories (i.e., device and product) under 35 U.S. § 101. All pending claims therefore should be considered allowable.

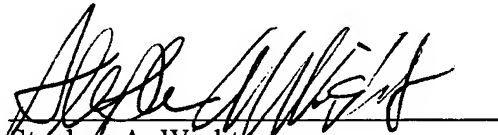
Conclusion

The application should now be in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

KLARQUIST SPARKMAN, LLP

By


Stephen A. Wight
Registration No. 37,759

One World Trade Center, Suite 1600
121 S.W. Salmon Street
Portland, Oregon 97204
Telephone: (503) 595-5300
Facsimile: (503) 228-9446